# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

***Whereas***, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

***Whereas***, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

***Whereas***, Though families may split apart in geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

***Whereas***, The truly devoted family, no matter how scattered by time and space, will make frequent attempts to "keep the lines open," occasionally gathering together to celebrate their lives and loves for one another; and,

***Whereas***, Such is the case for the Guhin family, a large and loving group of close-knit kin, many having traveled great distances simply to share the pleasure and rewards of each others company; and,

***Whereas***, The Guhin family are descendants of Timothy "Taidy" Guhin and Mary (Cavanaugh) Guhin; and,

***Whereas***, On July 17-20, 2003, the Guhin family will gather at Custer State Park in South Dakota, to partake in a wide range of activities, fun and frolic, and to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Guhin name and all the great things that it represents:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 17-20, 2003, as

## *GUHIN FAMILY REUNION DAYS*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State